

REMARKS

Following entry of this Amendment, claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-11, 31, 32, 37 and 40-43 are pending in this application. Claims 34, 38, and 39 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants preserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 34, 38, and 39 in another related application. No new matter has been introduced.

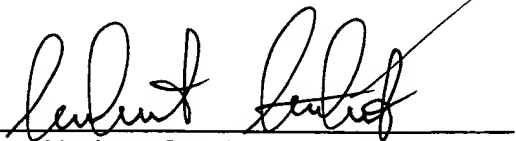
CONCLUSION

Applicants assert that pending claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-11, 31, 32, 37 and 40-43 are allowable. In the event the Examiner does not find the claims allowable, the Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (650) 849-6607 to set up an interview.

Please grant any extension of time required to enter this response and charge any required extension fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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